

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

**Urban County Council** 

FROM: Kevin Atkins

**Chief Development Officer** 

**DATE:** October 27, 2021

RE: Approve agreement with Coldstream Laboratories Inc. to participate in the Kentucky

**Business Investment Program** 

## Request:

Authorization to allow an inducement to Coldstream Laboratories Inc. as local participation in the Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) Program, which includes a 10-year local 1% wage assessment through KBI. The company will expand its manufacturing line to improve efficiency and increase capacity in Lexington.

## Why are you requesting:

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) has given Coldstream Laboratories Inc. preliminary approval to participate in the KBI Program. The KBI Program requests that the state and local government enter into a 10-year agreement with the approved company under which the business can recover up to 100% of its start-up and equipment costs through Kentucky corporate income tax credits and a wage assessment fee of up to 4%. The company plans to create 40 new jobs with an average wage of approximately \$58,240 per year plus benefits. The company has determined the median wage is approximately \$78,000 per year. Coldstream Laboratories Inc. plans to invest more than \$12.7 million in land, new construction, building improvements, equipment, and startup costs.

## What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for FY2020 is: Revenue to be rebated. Tax expenditure, not actual cost

The cost for future FY is: Revenue to be rebated. Tax expenditure, not actual cost

Are the funds budgeted?

N/A

**Director/Commissioner:** 

**Kevin Atkins** 

